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In re application of
Randy A. Harris et al.
Serial No. 10/080,914

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: DECISION ON
: PETITION

Filed: February 22, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUALLY AND
AUTOMATICALLY PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC
WORKPIECES :

This is a response to the "REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER MPEP 711.03", filed May 07, 2004. The request asks that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of April 21, 2004, for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter dated September 15, 2003 be withdrawn. The requester asserts that applicants timely filed a proper response to the Office letter of September 15, 2003 on December 15, 2003.

DECISION

The instant request is accepted as a timely petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee).

A review of the petitioner's evidence provided with the instant petition indicates that the request has merit. The evidence presented is sufficient to establish that the applicants did file the proper response to the Office letter of September 15, 2003 in a timely manner. The evidence provided includes : 1) a copy of the Amendment in Response to the Office letter of September 15, 2003, Fee Transmittal for FY 2004 and Information Disclosure Statement mailed December 15, 2003, with Express Mail No. EV335521226US; 2) a copy of Express Mail Label No. EV335521226US showing receipt by the U.S. Post Office on December 15, 2003; 3) a copy of the U.S. Post Office receipt of Express Mail No. EV335521226US on December 15, 2003; and 4) a copy of returned stamped postcard confirming receipt by the USPTO dated December 15, 2003.



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Therefore, the abandonment is hereby withdrawn, and the application is returned to pending status. The case will be forwarded to the Technical Support Staff for entering of the Response of December 15, 2003 and then forwarded to the examiner for prompt consideration.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Stone", is written over a horizontal line.

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